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SUBJECT: ICCS: 90TH SESSION

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1. 90TH SESSION NOVEMBER 17 WAS EXTENDED AND SOMETIMES
ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE OVER TWO MAIN ISSUES: (A) HUNGDEL SPONSORED
AMENDMENT TO ICCS REGULATION ON INITIATION OF INVESTIGATIONS AND
(B) RESPONSE BY ICCS TO RECENT PRG AND DRV REQUESTS FOR INVESTI-
GATION. INDODEL MEMBER LATER CHARACTERIZED THE
SESSION AS QTE SIGNALING THE END OF IRDEL-POLDEL HONEYMOON
UNQTE.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND ON (A), QUESTION OF WHO HAS AUTHORITY TO
INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS HAS LONG BEEN CON-
TROVERSIAL IN ICCS. WHEN CANDEL WAS PRESENT, IT HAD PUSHED FOR
AUTHORITY TO REST WITH HEADQUARTERS, REGIONAL HEADQUARTES AND SUB-
REGIONAL TEAMS. WHEN ICCS REFUSED ADOPT THIS POSITION, CANDEL
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COMPROMISED TO THE EXTENT OF AGREEING ONLY HEADQUARTERS AND SEVEN

ICCS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS HAD AUTHORITY TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION. THIS POLICY OF LONG-STANDING WAS CHANGED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF AMB SADRI AND IRDEL. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF HIS FEELING THAT ICCS AUTHORITY SHOULD BE CENTRALIZED, SADRI AGREED TO POLDEL AND HUNGDEL PROPOSAL THAT INVESTIGATION INITIATION SHOULD REST WITH ONLY ICCS HEADQUARTERS.

3. ICCS DEBATE ON NOVEMBER 17 WAS OVER PROPOSAL MADE BY HUNGDEL DEPUTY URANOVICZ. HIS AMENDMENT TO POLICY OUTLINED ABOVE WAS TO EFFECT THAT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, AFTER RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT ON CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION FROM HEADQUARTERS, WOULD IMMEDIATELY INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION QTE THEMSELVES UNQTE.

4. AMB SADRI QUESTIONED NEED FOR WORK QTE THEMSELVES UNQTE AND SUGGESTED ITS REMOVAL. HUNGDEL INSISTED ADAMANTLY UPON ITS RETENTION AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORK BECAME CLEARER. URANOVICZ INTENDED HIS AMENDMENT TO MAKE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS ALONE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT ALL INVESTIGATIONS WHICH WOULD OBVIATE NEED FOR ANY ICCS TEAMS IN SUB-REGIONAL SITES. AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS OF WRANGLING OVER THIS WORD, ISSUE WAS PASSED TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION.

5. THE NEXT ITEM ON AGENDA CONCERNED PRG AND GVN REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS. POLDEL ACTING CHIEF STAWIARSKI (IN ABSENCE OF AILING AMB KULAGA) REFUSED ON QTE LEGAL GROUNDS UNQTE TO CONSIDER RVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF NVA ATTACK ON BU PRANG. STAWIARSKI INSISTED THAT, SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT MENTION NVA TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION WAS BEYOND THE QTE LEGAL UNQTE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ICCS. HUNGDEL SUPPORTED THIS POSITION STRONGLY. AMB SADRI AGREED WITH LOGIC POLDEL POSITION, BUT NOTED IRDEL HAD SOME QTE LEGAL UNQTE PROBLEMS WITH APPROXIMATELY 17 PRG REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION THAT HAD BEEN PUT ON AGENDA. SADRI SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH REQUESTS DATED IN NOVEMBER, INCIDENTS REFERRED TO OCCURRED DURING OCTOBER; IRDEL WAS NOT IN PLACE IN ICCS SITES UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, HE HAD TO REFUSE ON QTE LEGAL UNQTE GROUNDS TO CONSIDER PRG REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS. ALTHOUGH HUNGDEL AND POLDEL TRIED TO DRAW SADRI INTO FURTHER DEBATE ON THIS DECISION, HE

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REFUSED, ENDING SESSION WITH A MOTION THAT FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA NEXT MEETING (NOVEMBER 20) BE CONSIDERATION OF REVISED ICCS BUDGET (REFTEL), SINCE EXTENDED DEBATE ON FIRST TWO ITEMS HAD NOT LEFT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ICCS TO COVER THIS ITEM.
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